

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2003, in which Claims 1 through 7 were rejected and Claims 8 through 21 were allowed. Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the reference cited therein.

The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action and, when coupled with the amendments made herein, are believed to render all claims at issue patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

No claims are amended herein. Claims 1 through 7 are cancelled. No claims are added. Accordingly, Claims 8 through 21 remain pending.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 103

With respect to Paragraphs 1 through 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 through 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable. The Office Action cites U.S. Patent No. 6,123,865 to Lin, U.S. Patent No. 5,310,457 to Ziger, U.S. Patent No. 5,622,636 to Huh, and U.S. Patent No. 4,106,975 to Berkenblit as prior art.

Claims 1 through 7 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Other cited references of record have been studied, and are found no more relevant to the present invention than the applied art.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending Claims 8 through 21 as currently presented are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 248-433-7552 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding *before* issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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